



LOVE, TRANSFORMATION, GROWTH. *'Growing deep roots. Producing good fruit'*

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Thank you to Darcey and her team of helpers who, at the weekend, transformed a rather dull looking shelter into a place where people want to rest and relax. Thank you too to the PTFA who funded the soft furnishings – the shelter looks great!



Coming up...

Monday – Senior Choir Club

Tuesday – Art Club

Wednesday – Maypole Club

Thursday – PE KITS EVERONE

Friday – Games & Puzzles Club

& Junior Choir Club

MONDAY 6th – MAY DAY



PTA BINGO NIGHT

Thank you to the PTA for arranging a great event last Friday. We hope you enjoyed it! £350 was raised during the event. Thank you to everyone for your donations.

Tea and Talk - Thank you to the parents who came to tea and talk this morning. They gave me some food thought and, as always, came up with some super suggestions.

We talked about YR and Y5 buddying partnerships for September and the school PE kit worn for the swimming gala being available for parents to purchase for PE lessons.

We also talked about children bringing in fruit for snack at play time. The Government provide free fruit for KS1 and we purchase extra fruit for KS2 but if your child wants to bring in their favourite fruit for snack we would encourage them to do this.



1st May 6pm

May Day celebrations around the maypole.

Names will be drawn at 6.30 for this year's May Queen and her attendants.

Visit from Jack Rutter.

On Thursday 2nd May, we will have a special guest coming into school to do an assembly and sports sessions with the children. Please could all children wear their P.E kits on Thursday. Jack Rutter is a GB Paralympic Footballer, former Captain of the England Cerebral Palsy team and helps inspire young people through his story and help them realise that whatever obstacles come your way you can overcome them and achieve your dreams!

This event has been possible through a thoughtful gift from Claire Rackham's company Inspired Athletes. Thank you!





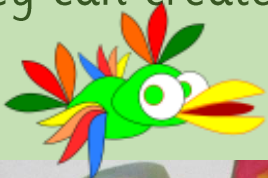
This Week in Cotswold Class ...

Cotswold Class have started a project on sculpture this term and will be creating their own pieces over the next few weeks. The starting point for their art was an artist called Barbara Kobylnska from Poland. She creates large clay sculptures of imaginative and humorous birds and other animals.



Cotswold class began their project by learning how to sketch tropical birds from pictures, focusing on their individual details. In the weeks following they drew simple outlines of tropical birds and painted these using our new vivid water colours. I think you will agree that the results were fantastic!

Cotswold children will now be looking for the perfect plastic bottle or container to create their very own weird and imaginative bird sculpture. I am very much looking forward to seeing what they can create!



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Darcey's Health and Well-being Box



Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for happiness'.

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Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it

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Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour

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Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting

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Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself

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Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes

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Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil

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Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat

Thought of the Week

This week we have been thinking about growing the fruit of love. Yesterday we used some words from Jesus to help us think about how we can love others and ourselves and share the love that we have. Here's a great quote from James Joyce.

"Love loves to love love."
James Joyce, Irish writer



Wake Up Wednesday



Make sure to take a look at the 'Wake-up Wednesday' information sheet being sent out via email today. The subject of the briefing is shopping platforms.



Music Box



This week we've been listening to the St. Paul's Suite composed by **Gustav Holst**. It was a piece of music written for and dedicated to the girls at St Pauls School in Hammersmith, where he was a teacher for a number of years.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBjkb9bBTU4>



Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

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SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Monday 6th May – May Day

HALF TERM – 27th May – 31st May

Friday 24th May - Staff Training Day

Friday 7th June – Y5 trip and sleepover

Friday 19th July – TERM ENDS

Monday 22nd July – Staff Training Day



PTA DIARY DATES

Friday 10th May – Non-uniform day (jar)

Sat. 18th May – Brass on the Grass with Avonbank Brass Band

Friday 21st June – Non-uniform day (cake)

Sunday 23rd June – Summer Fayre

TBC July – Teddy Bear's Picnic for new starters



REMINDERS



RECYCLING - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area – you can bring your pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



REMINDER – SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before. **ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**



Safeguarding



Please could we ask that if your child has hurt themselves at home and has a scratch, bruise or bump that you email the office alerting us to this.

Water bottles - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day.

If your child would like juice at lunch time, please send another bottle.

ONLY WATER IN CLASS.



Reader Helpers - If you can spare an hour or so to come and listen to children read, please speak to a member of staff. You will then be provided with all the required safeguarding forms to complete.

Health and Safety

Just a reminder that bikes and scooters should not be ridden across the playground. Please make sure to dismount and push them across the playground so that everyone remains safe.



Offenham Baby and Toddler Group (NCT) takes place every Friday @ Offenham Village Hall 10 – 11.30am.

Awards This Week:



Golden Apples:



Avon – Jessica O

Malvern – Maya & Tyler

Cotswold – Emily B, Jacob Mc & Phoebe

Severn – Ben & Ellie C

Stars of the Week



Avon – Liliya

Malvern – Emmy

Cotswold – Fiodar

Severn – Olivia D



Viv Bear – Imogen

Sports Award – Esme L-A

Cheer Bear – Sorrel



Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Athena and Jacob W.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Athena and Jacob and we say thank you that they are part of our school family. We pray that they may grow in wisdom and grace; give dignity and respect to others and that they may know your hope and joy every day. Strengthen and bless them on their birthday and every day throughout the next year. Amen.

Attendance

Avon –94.6% Malvern –96.9%

Cotswold –94.% Severn –96.9%

Overall–95.7%



Housepoints

1st - Rubies with 134 housepoints

2nd - Emeralds with 132 housepoints

3rd - Sapphires with 129 housepoints